GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
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DEMAND OF FERTILIZERS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total demand of fertilizer in Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years, till date;

(b) the share of subsidy on fertilizers consumed in the State during the said period;

(c) whether it is a fact that there has been short supply of fertilizers in the State during the above period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SATYA BRATA MOOKHERJEE)

(a): The demand of fertilizers, measured in terms of consumption of nutrients, in Tamil Nadu during the last three years and that estimated for 2000-2001 was as under- In lakh MTs

Sl No.	Years	Consumption of Fertilizers Nutrients (N+P+K)
1.	1997-98	9.43
2.	1998-99	9.51
3.	1999-00	10.52
4.	2000-01(Estimated)	10.98

(b): State-wise data on subsidy of fertilizers is not maintained.

(c) & (d): Urea is the only fertilizer which is under price, distribution and movement control of the Government of India. The availability of urea to each State, including Tamil Nadu, is ensured as per the requirement and allocation made under Essential Commodities Act (ECA). Overall availability of urea in Tamil Nadu during the last three years has been satisfactory. Localised and temporary shortages, if any, were redressed by augmenting supply from other sources. Further, the availability of decontrolled fertilizers is dependent on market forces, and no allocation of these fertilizers is made under Essential Commodities Act.